

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Sub 1. A method facilitating collaboration between a plurality of users of incompatible hardware and/or operating systems, comprising:

selectively generating predetermined objects, text objects, active hyperlink objects, active track objects, and freehand drawing objects, which are displayable at user-selected locations on a White Board screen of one of the users;

transmitting all generated ones of the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects for selective distributions to each of the other users;

accumulating the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects; and

filtering the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to thereby permit selective retransmission of the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to respective ones the other users.

2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the filtering step selectively transmits the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to respective ones of the other users having at least a predetermined privilege level.

3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects has an associated privilege level and wherein the filtering step selectively transmits the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to respective ones of the other users having at least the associated privilege level.

4. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said filtering step is bypassed when all of said user have an identical privilege level.

5. A method facilitating collaboration between a plurality of users of incompatible hardware and/or operating systems, comprising:

generating a White Board server;

generating a plurality of White Board clients;

selectively generating predetermined objects, text objects, active hyperlink objects, active track objects, and freehand drawing objects on a screen associated with one of said White Board clients;

transmitting all generated ones of the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to said White Board server;

accumulating the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects at said White Board server; and

filtering the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to thereby permit said White Board server to selectively relay the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to selected ones of the other said White Board clients.

6. The method as recited in claim 5, wherein the filtering step selectively transmits the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to selected ones of the other said White Board clients having at least a predetermined privilege level.

7. The method as recited in claim 5, wherein each of the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects has an associated privilege level and wherein the filtering step selectively transmits the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to selected ones of the other said White Board clients having at least the associated privilege level.

8. The method as recited in claim 5, wherein said filtering step is bypassed when all of said White Board clients have an identical privilege level.

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9. The method as recited in claim 5, further comprising the step of shutting down at least one of said White Board clients responsive to a received command signal.

10. The method as recited in claim 5, wherein operating of a first active hyperlink on a first White Board client causes selected other ones of said White Board clients to display the file specified by the universal resource locator (URL) associated with the first active hyperlink.

11. The method as recited in claim 5, wherein repeated operation of said selectively generating, transmitting, accumulating, and filtering steps defines a White Board session, said method further comprising storing data representative of said White Board session as a web page.

12. The method as recited in claim 5, wherein repeated operation of said selectively generating, transmitting, accumulating, and filtering steps defines a White Board session, said method further comprising reconstructing said White Board session from object accumulated during said accumulating step.

13. A method facilitating collaboration between a plurality of users of incompatible hardware and/or operating systems, comprising:

generating a White Board server;

generating a plurality of White Board clients;

generating an object server receiving a generated object;

selectively generating predetermined objects, text objects, active hyperlink objects, active track objects, and freehand drawing objects on a screen associated with one of said White Board clients;

transmitting all generated ones of the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to said White Board server;

accumulating the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects at said White Board server;

filtering the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to thereby permit said White Board server to selectively relay the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to selected ones of the other said White Board clients; and

transmitting the generated object to all of the White Board clients.

14. The method as recited in claim 13, wherein the filtering step selectively transmits the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to selected ones of the other said White Board clients having at least a predetermined privilege level.

15. The method as recited in claim 13, wherein each of the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects has an associated privilege level and wherein the filtering step selectively transmits the predetermined, the active hyperlink, the text, the active track, and the freehand drawing objects to selected ones of the other said White Board clients having at least the associated privilege level.

16. The method as recited in claim 13, wherein said filtering step is bypassed when all of said White Board clients have an identical privilege level.

17. The method as recited in claim 13, further comprising the step of shutting down at least one of said White Board clients responsive to a received command signal.

18. The method as recited in claim 13, wherein operating of a first active hyperlink on a first White Board client causes selected other ones of said White Board clients to display the file specified by the universal resource locator (URL) associated with the first active hyperlink.

19. The method as recited in claim 13, wherein repeated operation of said selectively generating, transmitting, accumulating, and filtering steps defines a White Board session, said method further comprising storing data representative of said White Board session as a web page.

20. The method as recited in claim 13, wherein repeated operation of said selectively generating, transmitting, accumulating, and filtering steps defines a White Board session, said method further comprising reconstructing said White Board session from object accumulated during said accumulating step.

21. The method as recited in claim 13, wherein said generated object comprises an object sequence, and wherein each member of said object sequence is different than all other members of said object sequence.